

My name is Valeriya, I'm from Belarus. Currently doing my Master at Goethe Uni Frankfurt. First of all, I would like to say a big «Thank you!» to the organizers of Buddy Programme at Goethe University and to both my German buddies



It's always difficult to come to a new country where you don't have friends yet, don't know the culture very well and have so many questions about how to organize your studies at the university. I found the info about Buddy Programme on the website even before coming to Germany. It was quite easy and intuitive to apply. My personal highlight and funny fact is that I was so anxious before coming here so I applied for buddies at my Faculty (Economics and BA) as well as at the university level, so I was lucky enough to have 6 buddies who contacted me ;)



I kept in touch with the two girls. They're studying at the same Faculty as I am, so it was really helpful to listen to their advices. My buddies met me at the Frankfurt Airport the first day I arrived and helped me to find my accommodation. I still remember this huge airport, everyone is speaking German, my big suitcase, rainy weather and 2 girls waiting for me...they made this day very special and really welcoming!

I find it very beneficial when someone from Germany introduces you to the German culture. So my buddies were very helpful during the first semester: they showed me the city, familiarized with local food and Glühwein ☺, gave me a «tour» of the Campus, helped a lot with organizational questions and of course improved my social life. I remember the girls being very supportive and

kind, you know, the studying atmosphere here can be tough sometimes ;) It's unnecessary to say that we still keep in touch, meet from time to time and spend a wonderful time together!

My impression from the Programme itself is very positive. I've also participated in some events organized by Buddy Programme: «Buddy Frühstück», «Pub Crawl» and the «Christmas Party». I would recommend to every international student to participate and have a German buddy: it's so much fun, a new experience and you get real support!

